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3. **What are Chris Brown and Soulja Boy beefing over?**

3 things you need to know

1 RYAN WINS RE-ELECTION AS SPEAKER OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

U.S. Representative Paul Ryan was re-elected speaker of the House of Representatives on Tuesday as a Republican-led Congress began a new session. The Wisconsin congressman was elected on a vote of 239-189. Ryan was first elected speaker in October 2015, after his predecessor, John Boehner, retired following repeated revolts by House conservatives. REUTERS

2 WHITE HOUSE SAYS IT EXPECTS GITMO TRANSFERS ANNOUNCED BEFORE JAN. 20

The White House said on Tuesday it expects additional transfers of prisoners from the Guantanamo Bay military prison to be announced before President Barack Obama leaves office on Jan. 20. "I would expect at this point additional transfers to be announced before January 20," White House spokesman Josh Earnest told reporters when asked about a message on Twitter by President-elect Donald Trump earlier on Tuesday saying "there should be no more releases" from the prison at the U.S. naval base in Cuba. Last month a source close to the matter said Obama planned to transfer as many as 18 more prisoners from Guantanamo, nearly a third of the remaining 59 at the facility where the United States has held terrorism suspects since shortly after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. REUTERS

3 PENTAGON SAYS IT CAN PROTECT US, ALLIES FROM NORTH KOREAN MISSILE THREATS

The U.S. Defense Department, reacting to North Korea's statement that it plans to test an intercontinental ballistic missile, said on Tuesday it was confident in its ability to protect U.S. allies and the U.S. homeland from threats from Pyongyang. "We have a ballistic missile defense ... umbrella that we're confident in for the region and to protect the United States homeland," Pentagon spokesman Peter Cook told a news briefing two days after North Korean leader Kim Jong Un said his country was close to testing an ICBM. REUTERS

Screenshots of the incident INSTAGRAM/@HOSTGODAWEZOME

Officer under investigation after video shows her punching teen

The teen was arrested, but prosecutors declined to file any charges against her.

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A Philadelphia police officer shown on video punching a teenage girl is on desk duty pending a review of her actions, which were allegedly prompted by the girl striking her on the face.

The 16-year-old girl was arrested on a charge of assaulting a police officer, but on Tuesday the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office declined to file the charge, a spokesman said.

Now it's just the officer — caught on camera taking the teenage girl to the pavement and straddling her while raining down blows — who is under investigation. She has been assigned to desk duty pending the results of an Internal Affairs investigation, police said.

"The young lady admitted to knocking the officers' glasses off and hitting her in the face," said Lt. John Stanford, spokesman for the police department. "I don't think any police commissioner would want to see their officers engaged in what you see in that video. However, policing is not always as pretty as we want it to be."

The fracas occurred at about 2:45 p.m. Monday in the aftermath of a what police described as a massive brawl involving about 30 teens and adults near 54th and Springfield streets.

Cellphone videos show police officers attempting to break up the altercation before a female officer is seen confronting the teenage girl. Authorities say the teen was trying to interfere with officers making an arrest.

> *"We want her off the streets."*
> Asa Khalif

Asa Khalif, a Philly-based Black Lives Matter organizer, said after watching the videos that he thinks blame for the incident lies solely on the officer.

"We want her off the streets," he said. "What she did, that police officer, it went beyond arrest and it went into assault. She could have de-escalated that and really mentored that young child, instead of beating the s— out of her."

Khalif vowed to organize protests if the officer is returned to active duty.

"The 16-year-old is an underage child," he said. "You should charge the adult, who is old enough and trained enough to know better and supposed to be a professional."

The teen was transported to Children's Hospital of Philadelphia for complaints of neck pain. The officer sustained bruising to her right eye and cheek with abrasions to the right knee but declined treatment.

The girl was identified as Johnnae Pendleton by 6ABC. She told the TV station, "I am happy that it was caught on video because if it wasn't, I would have been charged and I would've been in a youth study center or something."

Police did not report any other arrests stemming from the fight.

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Rape allegations against Conestoga High School football players dropped

Three former football players plead guilty to harassment, not broomstick assault.

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Conestoga High School PROVIDED

Three Conestoga High School football players accused of hazing a younger player by sodomizing him with a broomstick have formally admitted to "harassment," authorities announced Tuesday.

The accused players acknowledged using a broomstick, but only to "poke" the victim in the leg, according to a joint statement from Chester County District Attorney Tom Hogan and defense attorneys for the three former players, who have since graduated.

The victim expressed "full agreement" with the statement, officials said.

The allegations of hazing in the football team's locker room in Conestoga High School in Berwyn, Pennsylvania, shocked the suburban Philadelphia community when first reported last year.

The victim, a freshman at the time, claimed that in October 2015, three senior football players held him down and inserted a broom handle in his rectum.

Hogan told the public that the attack came during the football team's weekly hazing ritual, which they called "No Gay Thursday." The statement released Tuesday doesn't say whether that type of hazing took place.

"The victim did not suffer any physical injury."

Joint statement by prosecutors and defense attorneys

But it does say the senior football players were just urging younger players to "clean" the locker room, according to the statement.

"When the victim refused to clean and attempted to leave the locker room, he was shoved, pushed and briefly held down by the three charged players in an effort to force him to clean the locker room," the statement read.

That was when the players poked him in the leg with the broom, officials said.

"The intent of the charged juveniles was to scare the victim and coerce him to cooperate with other team members in the joint cleanup of the locker room, and not to do the victim any physical harm," the statement read. "The victim did not suffer any physical injury."

The three football players, who have since graduated, pleaded guilty to summary charges of harassment for the incident. No punishment for the players was reported publicly as their cases were handled as juveniles.

BRIEF

Incumbent district attorney faces expanding list of opponents in re-election bid

Philadelphia's second-term District Attorney Seth Williams is facing a growing field of opponents in his re-election effort this year, including four from his own party.

Two more candidates hoping to unseat Williams, a Democrat, joined the race Monday, bringing the number of political opponents to five.

Former Philadelphia Assistant District Attorney Michael Untermeyer announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination.

Beth Grossman, also a veteran of the prosecutor's office, is the first Republican to throw her hat in the ring, the Philadelphia Inquirer reported.

Untermeyer served four years in the Philadelphia Office of the District Attorney, and another 11 years with the state's Office of the Attorney General. His experience spans cases involving money laundering and asset forfeiture, narcotics investigations and violations of the state liquor laws under former Gov. Ed Rendell. He has worked in private practice since 2004, and is currently with Center City firm Lyman & Ash.

Untermeyer has expressed an interest in reforming the city's bail system through lower-cost innovative measures, curbing the city's drug trade and fatal overdose rate by charging heroin dealers with homicide and imposing a "zero tolerance" policy on possession of illegal handguns, the Inky reported.

Grossman is also in private practice with Nenner & Namerow and has a background in public service.

She has served as chief of staff to the commissioner of the city Department Licenses and Inspections, and spent more than two decades as an assistant district attorney, as well as five years as in-house counsel in the office.

Grossman announced her candidacy through a video posted to YouTube yesterday.

Untermeyer joins three Democrats, former Philadelphia managing director Rich Negrin, former Assistant District Attorney Joe Khan and Judge Teresa Carr Deni of the municipal court, in the race for the party nomination.

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No one wants to see these pests around. GETTY IMAGES

Philly among top 10 cities for bed bugs

Orkin released its annual ranking of the top 50 bed bug cities.

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Miniscule and blood-sucking, bed bugs are a growing public health problem in the United States.

And they are a big problem in Philadelphia. The city ranked among the worst in the nation for bed bugs, according to an annual list by pest control company Orkin that was released Tuesday.

Orkin ranked the top 50 bed bug cities, with Philadelphia coming in at No. 9.

Rank is determined by the number of treatments the company performed in a given city from Dec. 1, 2015, to Nov. 30, 2016.

Baltimore topped the list with the worst bed bug infestation, followed by Washington, D.C. Chicago, New York and Columbus, Ohio, rounded out the top five.

"We have more people affected by bed bugs in the United States now than ever before," Orkin entomologist Ron Harrison said in a statement.

"They were virtually unheard of in the U.S. 10 years ago," he said.

Philadelphia slightly improved, going from No. 6 in 2015 to No. 9 last year.

Bed bugs are seasoned travelers. They latch onto purses, luggage and other belongings, and tag along to homes, apartments, hotels and public places, according to Orkin.

"We have treated for bed bugs in everything from million-dollar homes to public housing," Harrison said.

Aside from their spread, bed bugs are also dangerous. Bites can spur allergic reactions and skin infections, and infestations can spark anxiety and insomnia, among other reactions.

Despite the name, they're not only found in beds. Smaller than an apple seed, bed bugs hide in cracks and crevices in headboards or bed frames. So even if your mattress is clean, your home might not be.

Tips in the war against bed bugs

- Inspect your home regularly for signs of bed bugs, especially during the day when they're hiding in such places as baseboards, headboards, electrical outlets, picture frames and mattress seams.
- Decrease clutter to make inspections and detection easier.
- Inspect all second-hand furniture before bringing it inside the home.
- If linens, curtains and stuffed animals are potentially infested, place them in the dryer on the hottest temperature allowed for the fabric.

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Republicans have rough start in first day of Trump-era Congress

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With Trump set to be sworn in as president on Jan. 20, Republicans will control both the White House and Congress for the first time since 2007.

The Republican-led U.S. Congress had a rough start to its first session of the Donald Trump era on Tuesday after the House of Representatives had to backtrack on a decision to defang an ethics watchdog following a public outcry that included a dressing-down from the president-elect.

It was supposed to have been a ceremonious beginning in which lawmakers set plans to enact Trump's agenda of cutting taxes, repealing Obamacare and rolling back financial and environmental regulations.

But the moment was overshadowed by a an uproar over a surprise move by Republicans in the House of Representatives in a closed-door meeting late on Monday to weaken the independent Office of Congressional Ethics, which is in charge of investigating ethics accusations against lawmakers.

Trump, who campaigned on a pledge to "drain the swamp" and bring ethics reform to Washington, was not pleased by the timing.

"With all that Congress has to work on, do they really have to make the weakening of the Independent Ethics Watchdog, as unfair as it may be, their number one act and priority," he said on Twitter on Tuesday.

"Focus on tax reform, healthcare and so many other things of far greater importance!"

The ethics office was created in 2008 following several corruption scandals but some lawmakers have charged in recent years that it has been too quick to investigate complaints from outside partisan groups.

Lawmakers wanted to have greater control of the watchdog, and inserted changes into a broader rules package, set to pass when the House convenes on Tuesday.

Even before Trump's tweet, many House Republicans, including top leaders, had opposed the measure and worried about its ramifications. Trump's tweet prompted an emergency meeting and a quick change of course by Republicans.

"It was taken out by unanimous consent ... and the House Ethics Committee will now examine those issues," said AshLee Strong, a spokeswoman for House Speaker Paul Ryan.

As expected, Ryan was re-elected as speaker on a vote of 239-189. He was first elected speaker in October 2015 after predecessor John Boehner retired following repeated revolts by House conservatives.

The speaker election was part of the ceremony involved in the first meeting of the 115th Congress, as the 435 members of the House of Representatives and a third of the 100-member Senate were sworn in.

Since his election on Nov. 8, Trump has made clear he wants to move swiftly to enact proposals he outlined during the campaign such as simplifying the tax code and slashing corporate tax rates.

He also promised to make good on a Republican pledge to repeal and replace Democratic President Barack Obama's 2010 signature Affordable Care Act - a law better known as Obamacare.

"People must remember that ObamaCare just doesn't work, and it is not affordable," Trump said on Twitter on Tuesday, adding, "It is lousy healthcare.". REUTERS

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Megyn Kelly leaving

The anchor, 46, was key to the network's success, drawing an average 2.7 million viewers for her prime-time show, "The Kelly File." The program was second only to "The O'Reilly Factor."

Fox News Channel anchor Megyn Kelly, a star of the cable network's highly rated prime-time lineup, is leaving to join NBC News in a broad role that includes hosting a one-hour daytime news show, NBC announced Tuesday.

Kelly also will anchor a Sunday night news show and take part in the network's special political programming and other big-event coverage, NBC News said in a statement.

Kelly's departure is a potential blow to Fox News, the top-rated cable news network owned by Rupert Murdoch's 21st Century Fox. Just months ago, its founding chairman, Roger Ailes, left following sexual-harassment allegations by several women, including Kelly.

She detailed Ailes' behavior in her best-selling book, "Settle for More." Ailes has denied the allegations.

Fox News, which is known for a roster of conservative commentators such as Bill O'Reilly, remained at the top of cable news ratings amid the Ailes turmoil. The network delivered its highest annual viewership in its 20-year history in 2016.

"I have decided to end my time at FNC, incredibly enriched for the experiences I've had," Kelly wrote on Facebook.

She became a subject of news stories after then-Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump attacked her as unfair for her questioning of him at a primary debate during the 2016 election campaign.

While Kelly's departure leaves a hole in the Fox News lineup, it comes at a time when the network needs to reinvent itself to appeal to younger viewers, said Pivotal Research analyst Brian Wieser.

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Kelly wrote on Facebook

Fox News, like many of its peers, has an older audience, with a median age of over 65, higher than MSNBC and CNN, whose viewers' median ages are 64 and 60 respectively, according to Nielsen data. Advertisers generally seek out a much younger market.

"Their audience is aging," Wieser said. "The question now for investors is 'What will Fox put in Kelly's place?'"

A Fox News spokeswoman did not respond to requests for comment.

Some media buyers said they expected Fox to maintain strong ratings given interest in the White House transition and its other popular hosts.

Barry Lowenthal, president of agency The Media Kitchen, called Kelly's departure "neutral" for the network.

"Given Fox's ratings dominance, they've shown that they're bigger than any one anchor," he said.

Kelly joined Fox in 2004 as a Washington-based correspondent before rising to host her prime-time show. Her decision to move to NBC News, a unit of Comcast Corp., was first reported by The New York Times.

While details about Kelly's daytime and evening shows were scarce, she will be trying to succeed where high-profile news anchors have struggled. In recent years, Katie Couric and Anderson Cooper lasted just two seasons with syndicated daytime talk shows.

Kelly's new NBC News colleague Brian Williams, meanwhile, saw his low-rated prime-time news magazine show, "Rock Center," end after only two years as well.

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Chris Brown wants to fight Soulja Boy

Welcome to 2017, where rappers Chris Brown and Soulja Boy are beefin' over an Instagram "like." According to Soulja Boy (real name DeAndre Cortez Way), the feud began when he liked a photo of Brown's ex Karrueche Tran in a bikini. On Monday night, the "Crank That" singer tweeted that Brown saw said "like" and called to say he wanted to whoop his ass.

Sounds like Soulja is just stirring the pot. When Brown failed to respond, the rapper kept at it. He upped the ante with tweets, accusing Brown of being a drug addict and bringing up Brown's tumultuous past relationship with Rihanna: "Chris Brown think he hard cuz he hit a woman."

When Brown finally hit back, it was on Instagram, alleging that Soulja made it all up, deeming the drama "imaginary beef." But then the "Loyal" singer changed his tune, posting a series of s—t-talking Instagram videos and stories, calling out Soulja for his recent arrest, even leaking Soulja's phone number. Soulja replied it was n.b.d. because "I got 10 iphones this is gonna be my team breezy hotline."

Karrueche made the mistake of getting involved with a holier-than-thou Instagram post: "[This] drama between the both of these two is so ridiculous….We just brought in a new year and this what we doing?? Leave the extra'd out, rah rah shit behind…"

Brown told her to stay out of it. "No one asked for this opinion! It ain't over you! Girl keep the fame you got and stay classy!" He's right about that. This beef, exaggerated or not, seems exclusively between these two blathering fools.

Ryan Gosling pays tribute to Debbie Reynolds

At Monday night's Palm Springs International Film Festival Awards Gala, Ryan Gosling accepted the Vanguard Award for "La La Land," along with director Damien Chazelle and composer Justin Hurwitz.

In a heartfelt speech, the 36-year-old actor paid tribute to the late Debbie Reynolds, revealing that the legendary actress provided much of the inspiration for the film, through her work in classics like "Singin' in the Rain," in which she sang and danced alongside Gene Kelly.

"I wish I could've said this in person, but I'd like to thank Debbie Reynolds for her wonderful career of work," Gosling said. "She was an inspiration to us every day. We watched 'Singin' in the Rain' every day for inspiration, and she was truly an unparalleled talent."

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Janelle Monae is not tolerating Kim Burrell's homophobic remarks

Gospel singer Kim Burrell will no longer appear on "The Ellen Show" this Thursday, Janelle Monae confirms to TMZ.

Burrell was slated to sing with Pharrell Williams, performing his song "I See a Victory" from the "Hidden Figures" soundtrack, which Williams also produced.

But after the 44-year-old's recent homophobic remarks—referring to being gay as "that perverted homosexual spirit"—in a sermon she aired on Facebook Live, she is no longer welcome.

Williams will instead perform solo, and Monae, who stars in "Hidden Figures," will guest star on the show.

"I'm a huge advocate for the 'other,' and I don't stand for any hate speech that targets our fellow brothers and sisters in a negative way," Monae told TMZ in a video.

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Beyonce, Kendrick and Radiohead to headline Coachella 2017

Coachella Music and Arts Festival announced its lineup for 2017, with Radiohead, Beyonce and Kendrick Lamar headlining April 14-16 and 21-23. The annual Indio, California, event will once again take place at Empire Polo Club, where nearly 150 acts will perform across three days over two weekends.

Other exciting names on the roster include the XX, Lorde, New Order, Car Seat Headrest, Bon Iver (hilariously sharing a day with Beyonce — note: "SNL"), Gucci Mane, ScHoolboy Q and Empire of the Sun. It's also worth noting the show would be Lorde's first live large-scale performance since 2014, as well as Beyonce's first planned date of the year post-"Lemonade."

The actor talks about doing his first big scary movie, "The Anatomy of Jane Doe."

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Emile Hirsch wants to scare the hell out of you

In the indie horror "The Autopsy of Jane Doe," now on VOD, Brian Cox and Emile Hirsch play father and son medical examiners whose latest cadaver unleashes some strange and freaky business. IFC MIDNIGHT

Not everyone was happy Emile Hirsch was making "The Autopsy of Jane Doe." It's a horror movie, a genre not everyone respects. The actor remembers meeting with an acting teacher friend in Los Angeles. He showed her the script for the film, which involves two medical examiners (eventually played by Hirsch and Brian Cox) who find strange and terrifying things when working on the mysterious corpse of a young woman (Olwen Kelly).

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"She was just disgusted," Hirsch recalls. "She said, 'Why are you doing this?' I said, 'You don't get why this is so awesome?' It just grossed her out. She didn't understand the genre. Either you get it or you don't. You like the adrenaline rush, or you're the wuss who doesn't like horror movies because you get nightmares. As if you aren't supposed to get nightmares when you watch horror movies."

Thing is, "The Autopsy of Jane Doe" isn't your standard gore-a-thon, the presence of a medical dissection or no. At times it's closer to a play, and one starring two acclaimed actors. Hirsch and Cox spend most of the movie in their medical bunker, doting over their latest corpse. As they keep discovering strange and freaky surprises — such as random objects stuffed deep in her insides — things take a turn for the supernatural. But it's still based around performances, ideas and expert filmmaking.

For Hirsch, "Jane Doe" was also a chance to do horror — his first. (The closest he'd come was the 2011 apocalyptic sci-fi thriller "The Darkest Hour.") It's a genre he's been drawn to since he was probably far too young to be viewing them.

"I made the mistake of watching 'Silver Bullet' when I was 6 years old," Hirsch says, referring to the 1985 Stephen King movie with Corey Haim. "I was with this older kid at my mom's friend's house. This 12-year-old, this brat, is like, 'Watch this!' That movie scarred me for a decade."

Hirsch is a touch worried the era of kids watching gory horror movies is no more. After all, overprotective parents will go out of their way to make sure they don't see them.

"There's this new hipster bulls— thing, where they say, 'I don't watch horror movies,'" he says. "It's this new helicopter parent generation of kids who don't watch horror movies because they're scared."

A word from the director

Andre Ovredal, who came to "Jane Doe" from the Norwegian found footage favorite "Trollhunter," has his own, very different past with horror. In his homeland when he was a kid, many dark and violent and disturbing films were banned.

"'The Evil Dead' wasn't legal," Ovredal recalls. "I had to get this VHS copy from someone. It was so crappy. Those kinds of movies, like 'From Beyond,' were amazing, influential films for me. 'The Omen' was another one. I find that 'Jane Doe' is like a micro version of 'The Omen': The deeper you dig, the scarier it gets, the bigger the world gets."

He also liked the strong characters. "Its relationships were done in a very realistic manner, which isn't always done in genre films like this," Ovredal says. "Sometimes they're heightened for reasons of satisfying the genre elements. Here, it was the other way."

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Local musician Nicky P hosts benefit concert for his father at Underground Arts.

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Nicholas Piccari, left, and his father, David, who received a lung transplant. PROVIDED

For many of us, the new year means making resolutions to eat healthier and hit the gym, but for local singer-songwriter, Nicholas Piccari, known in the music community as Nicky P, 2017 has even greater meaning: it's the one-year anniversary since his father's lifesaving lung transplant.

To celebrate and help raise funds for his father's medication, he's bringing together all of his friends for a benefit concert on Friday, Jan. 6 at Underground Arts. The lineup includes Bruno Catrambone of Former Belle, Archawah and, of course, Nicky P, who even has some new songs to debut.

"After one day of being in the hospital with my father, I started writing new songs. One is called 'Talk' and it's about talking to your kids about how to find their path in life," says the 30-year-old.

The journey started in October 2015 when David Piccari got news that his lungs weren't going to last much longer, due to his battle with fibrosis.

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Once his father passed the test, he was placed on a waiting list for an organ — which took two and a half months.

"It was a blessing he got the transplant so soon," says the Graduate Hospital resident. "Some wait for over a year. Some wait and it's too late."

Finally, on Jan. 6 of last year, Nicholas' dad received his new lung and got a second chance at life. The journey isn't over, however.

"There's still his recovery and getting on a pill schedule. He'll be taking 15 pills a day for the rest of his life. Just one of them costs $5,000 for the year," Nicholas reveals.

All of the proceeds from ticket sales will go towards medical bills for David. There will also be donation bins for those who want to give a little extra.

"I want the show to be a celebration of life," says Nicholas. "My father wasn't supposed to make it, and he did."

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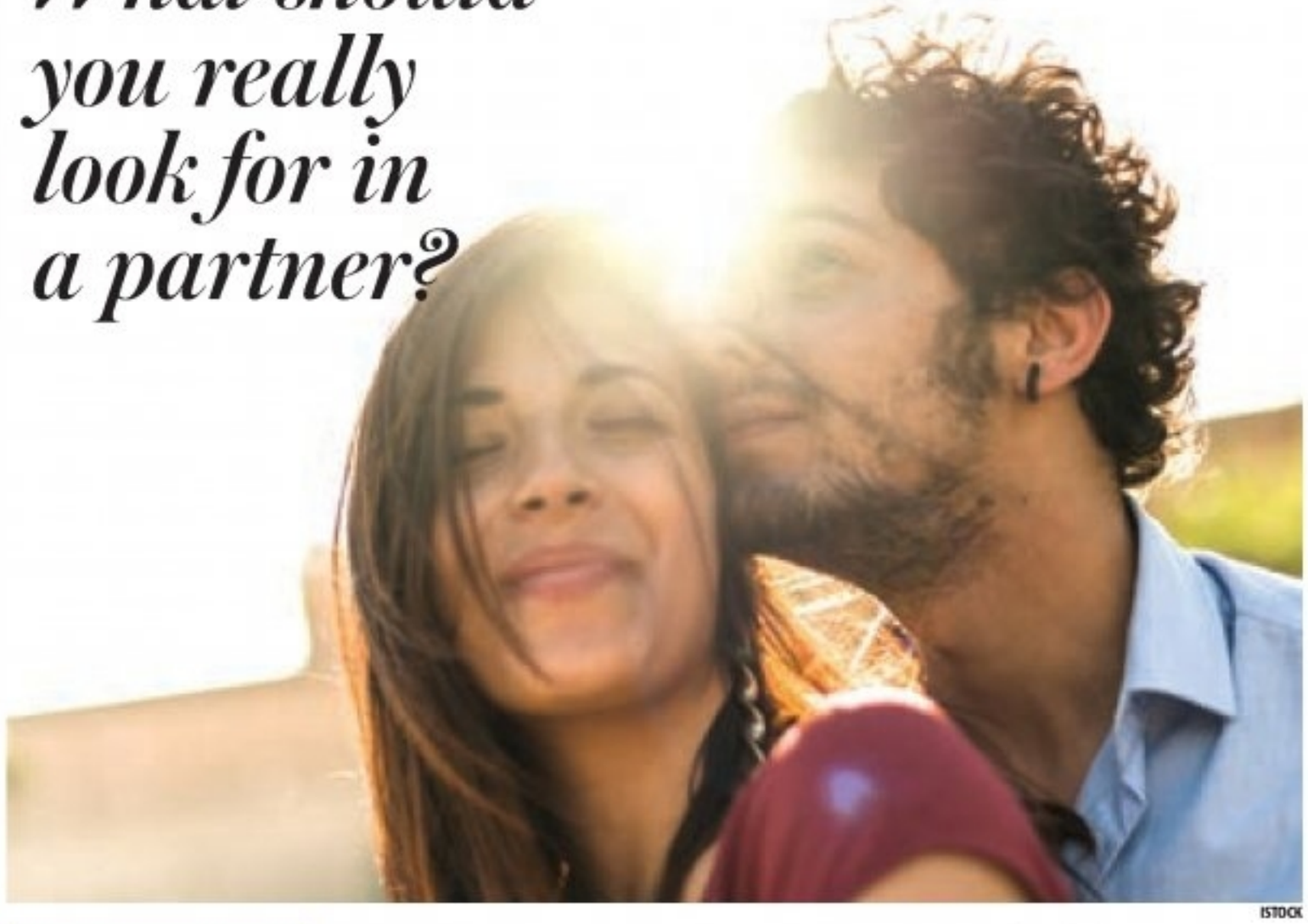

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Single and Swiping

Laurie Davis Edwards is the founder of eFlirt, an online dating concierge service, and the best-selling author of "Love @ First Click: The Ultimate Guide to Online Dating."

"Am I too picky?" a client recently asked. Maybe it's something you've wondered while searching and swiping, too.

I hear this question most from those who have dated a lot. Naturally, your feelings of who would be a good match for you may be fuzzy after a dozen first dates.

While you can re-evaluate what you're looking for in a partner any time of year, New Year's is a natural time for reflection — particularly if attracting a long-term relationship is one of your resolutions.

Here's how to give your love life a reboot:

First, throw away your list

Our ideas of what we want and don't want in a partner are based on experience. But often, people have one experience and then restrict themselves. For example: You go on a date with a man who has kids and it doesn't work out, so dating someone with children becomes a deal-breaker.

A deal-breaker is something you can't live with in a relationship. Everyone has them. But often our "list" involves things that aren't must-haves. We allow these traits to determine who we won't date — before we've even shared a cocktail with the person.

In the new year, throw away your massive list of must-haves and date with only true deal-breakers in mind.

Then, get curious about yourself

What would happen if you focused more on finding a match for yourself than worrying about what he or she will be like before you meet them?

You don't know who your next relationship will be with, so you can't clearly identify that person. But you can define who you are.

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But these three loft apartments, flooded with sunlight and guaranteed to elicit oohs and aahs, aren't too big to dream of owning. In fact, they're all priced under $500,000.

111 Cuthbert St.

Tucked away on a cozy cobblestone side street in the heart of Old City stands this charming, newly renovated home. Priced at $485,000, 111 Cuthbert delivers an eclectic mix of cozy and industrial, modern and vintage.

Sweet perks: Rooftop deck, glass-enclosed standing showers, top-of-the-line kitchen appliances, exposed-brick walls, hardwood floors.

Size: Two beds, two bathrooms, 1,115 square feet

1101 Washington Ave.

Not for the faint-hearted decorator, this two-bedroom New York City-style condo at the Lofts at Bella Vista is an impressive space, listed for $440,000. High ceilings give and soaring walls in the open-layout apartment mean plenty of space for hanging every imaginable piece of art. Exposed air ducts and brick walls lend a contemporary, industrial vibe, and frosted-glass kitchen cabinets and dark counters add Scandinavian flair.

Just don't forget to buy curtains for that interior window revealing the master bedroom.

Sweet perks: One-car indoor parking spot, 24-hour doorman, basement storage, fitness center, exposed brick, concrete floors.

Size: Two beds, two bathrooms, 1,624 square feet

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Eagles free agents: Logan, Carroll give team tough decisions to make

The cash-strapped Eagles will be under a lot of pressure to make the right decisions on their impending free agents.

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Bennie Logan is by far the Eagles' most important free agent heading into the 2017 offseason. GETTY IMAGES

The Eagles sent a strong signal last offseason that they believed the core of a winning football team was already in place in Philadelphia, handing out big contracts to home-grown talent Fletcher Cox, Lane Johnson, Vinny Curry, Zach Ertz and Brent Celek.

According to Spotrac.com, before re-signing any of their own players, the Eagles have $12.5 million in cap space to work with. One positive: The dead money brought on by the purge of Chip Kelly's roster moves will be down from $23.5 million (fifth highest in the NFL) in 2016 to $7 million. Here are the biggest contributors whose contracts are up:

Unrestricted free agents

Bennie Logan

The biggest, in name and stature, is Logan. The Eagles' third-round pick in 2013 earned $4 million over his first four seasons. He'll be due for a big raise after starting 43 games the past three seasons.

The Eagles already have one-fifth of their 2017 salary cap space dedicated to Cox, Curry, Connor Barwin and Brandon Graham.

Logan is an outstanding run stuffer, and wants to be back. If the Eagles can massage the cap, he'd be an important cog to maintain when it looks like the road to the division title in the coming decade will involve fighting Dallas' tremendous offensive line in the trenches.

Nolan Carroll

Carroll joined the Eagles in 2014 and became a starter entering the 2015 season. He started 11 games and surprised many with his play before suffering an injury against the Lions.

He signed a one-year deal worth $2.3 million last offseason and recovered to start 16 games in 2016, but his quality of play didn't reach the same heights it did during the 2015 campaign. Carroll was regularly beaten, particularly in the second half of the season, and led the NFL with seven pass interference penalties.

If Carroll is willing to return on a cap-friendly deal, he would be a quality depth corner and a welcome veteran among the many young players sure to populate the position.

Stefen Wisniewski

Wisniewski had started all 77 games he'd played in his career before joining the Eagles. Expected to push Jason Kelce at center and Allen Barbre at guard, he saw time across the interior of the line while the Eagles dealt with injuries and played in all 16 games, starting six.

Bryan Braman, Najee Goode and Stephen Tulloch

Braman is one of the more important special teams players to populate the Eagles sideline in recent years. He should return, and be worth the investment more than another body. Goode and Tulloch will likely be replaced in training camp by younger, cheaper players.

Restricted free agents

Trey Burton

Burton became an offensive contributor in his third season for the Eagles, catching 37 passes for 327 yards. While ostensibly the third tight end on the Birds' roster, Burton finished fourth on the team in receptions, more than doubling Brent Celek's total.

The Eagles already have a lot of money tied into tight ends, but they should be adding weapons to Carson Wentz's arsenal, not subtracting them.

Jaylen Watkins

The Eagles third safety, Watkins actually finished 10th on the team in tackles this season. Originally a fourth-round pick by the Eagles, he has played both corner and safety for them and was cut and re-signed during his second season. It wouldn't kill to keep him around.

Kenjon Barner

Barner was the Eagles fifth-leading rusher in 2016, with 129 yards and two touchdowns on 27 carries. He led the Eagles with 4.8 yards per carry, but he ended the season on injured reserve. The Eagles will likely move on from him.

Breaking down the Carson Wentz-Mike Trout bromance

There may be nothing better than a sports bromance.

And Philadelphia's collective sports imagination has run rampant ever since Eagles quarterback Carson Wentz handed Angels MVP outfielder Mike Trout a touchdown ball after scoring against the Cowboys last Sunday.

"We had talked about it," Wentz said after blowing up social media in the win. "I just wanted to give him a football. Kind of funny."

Wentz, after making headlines for giving each of his offensive linemen a hunting rifle as a Christmas gift, endeared himself to the Philly faithful even more when it came out that Wentz and Trout — a proud South Jersey native home for the offseason — went hunting during the Eagles' brief winter break.

What was discussed between the two young superstars is known only to the surrounding Jersey pine trees but what is highly suspected is that the two did create enough of a bond that Wentz felt compelled to give Trout, sitting field-side as he always does, a gift.

It would appear the two young stars are becoming fast friends. GETTY IMAGES

"He mentioned it but I didn't know he was going to do it," Trout told CSNPhilly after the game. "He's a good dude. He's fun to hang out with."

If Trout wants to hang out with Wentz more, there's a simple way to make that happen. The All-Star Los Angeles outfielder becomes a free agent after the 2020 season. Maybe a homecoming (and signing with the Phillies) is in the cards, four years from now.

And by then, maybe Wentz will be an MVP as well. Trout said he has high hopes for the future of his favorite football team and their young QB.

"It's going in the right direction, for sure," Trout said.

EVAN MACY

NFC playoff picture much more muddled

The Patriots have a clear path in the AFC, but the NFC could get messy.

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The Giants could very well go into Big D and win this month. GETTY IMAGES

For years it was "sasquatch in the city-like" rare for the No. 1 seed in the AFC and the No. 1 seed in the NFC to both reach the Super Bowl in the same postseason. But recent football history has turned rarity into ordinary, as in the past three seasons the top seeds in each conference have made the big game (Denver vs. Carolina in 2016, New England vs. Seattle in 2015, Denver vs. Seattle in 2014).

This year, the Patriots have the No. 1 seed in the AFC and they are heavy favorites to get to the Super Bowl for the seventh time under Bill Belichick. They are without their second-best player, Rob Gronkowski, but the Pats' road to Houston is a pretty one nonetheless. In the divisional round they will host one of the following three quarterbacks/teams: Brock Osweiler/Tom Savage (Houston), Matt McGloin/Connor Cook (Oakland), or Matt Moore/Ryan Tannehill (Miami). Far from a murderers' row of signal callers there, and it would certainly be a tall order for any of them to win in Foxboro against a healthy Pats squad.

Meanwhile in the NFC, No. 1 Dallas' road to Houston is significantly tougher. The Cowboys will host either Aaron Rodgers' Packers, Eli Manning's Giants or Matthew Stafford's Lions in the divisional round. Not only will the competition be stiff one way or another, but Dallas' lack of postseason experience could very well come into play. No rookie QB has ever won a Super Bowl, and while Dak Prescott's inaugural NFL campaign has been otherworldly, the postseason is an entirely different animal.

Sleepers

The No. 5-seeded Giants are the obvious sleeper in the NFC as the G-Men have not only had previous postseason success in Green Bay, but they've also slayed the conference's top dog — Dallas — twice this season. New York's defense hasn't allowed a team to score more than 25 points on them in a game since Week 3 (a 29-27 loss to Washington), and the unit looks like it is getting hot at the right time.

In the AFC, keep an eye on the No. 6-seeded Dolphins. While beating the Pats in Foxboro would classify as a miracle, Miami could very well upset No. 3 Pittsburgh this weekend. The Steelers' defense is mediocre at best (16th in pass defense, 13th in rush defense) and Miami back Jay Ajayi had his breakout game in a Dolphins win over Pittsburgh earlier this season (204 yards rushing in a 30-15 Miami win).

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5:00 Thursday, December 7, 2017

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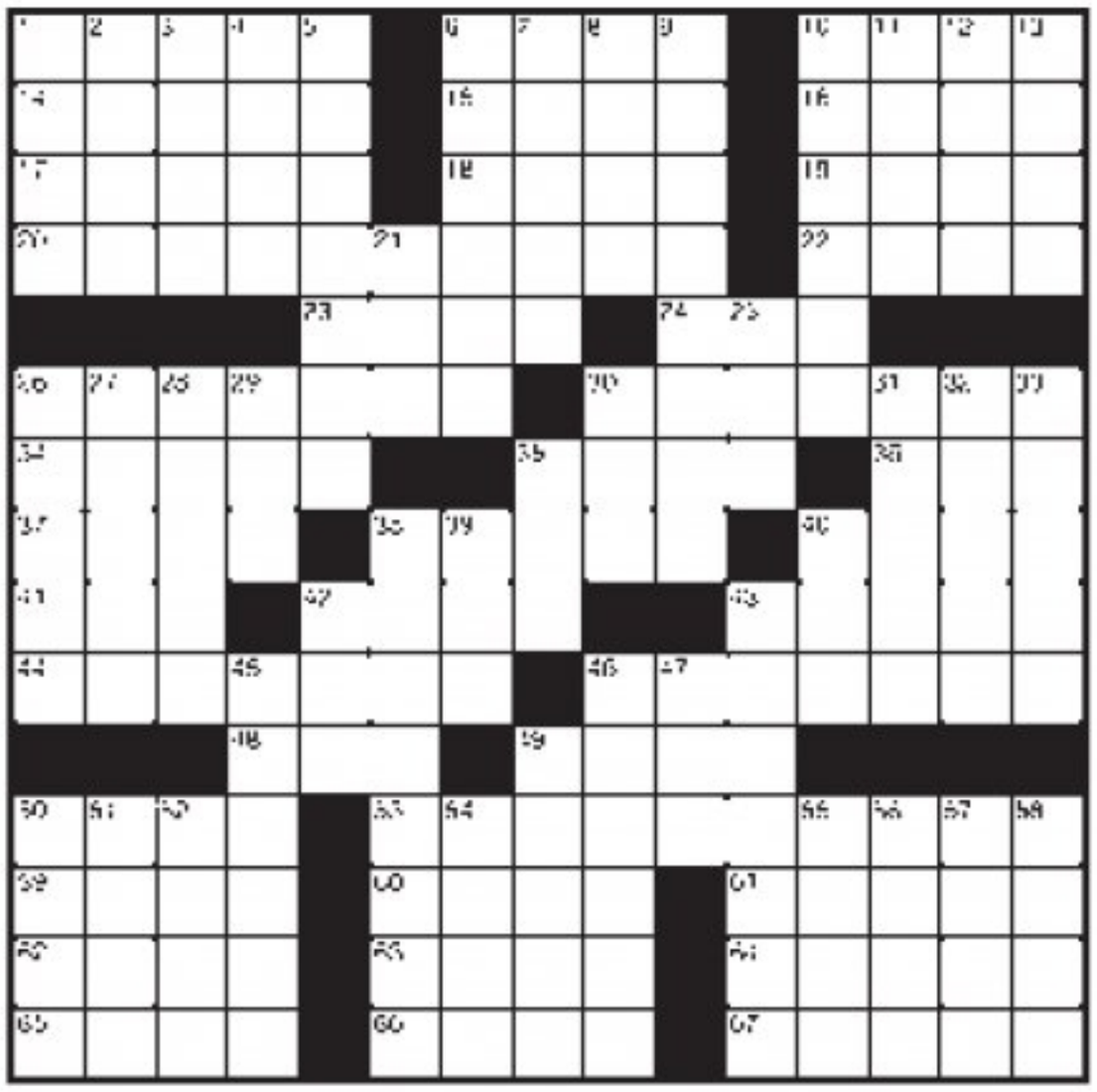

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Aries Explaining what you are trying to do will help you avoid criticism. Emotions will be difficult to control if you don't keep busy. Don't engage in joint ventures.

Taurus Stick to the facts and take a practical approach to everything today. Move forward with your plans, regardless of what someone else decides to do.

Gemini You may feel anxious about your position, direction or next move. Relax and take your time. Impulsive decisions will add to your confusion and stress.

Cancer Work from home or make changes to your domestic environment that will add to your comfort and convenience. Make subtle changes that will help you reach your goals.

Leo Live and learn. Use past experience as your guide to a better future. Change is necessary, but how you go about it will be what makes the difference.

Virgo Don't feel pressured to spend money on something you don't want or bow to someone pressuring you to get involved in a joint venture. Follow your gut feeling.

Libra Emotions will be difficult to control. Size up whatever situation you face, and think your way through it one step at a time. Don't give in; look for solutions.

Scorpio You can accomplish whatever you pursue. Learn as you go, and watch and listen to those who are doing what you want to do. Your charm will win favors.

Sagittarius Don't limit what you can do because of your domestic situation. Make alterations that will free up the time you need to pursue your dreams.

Capricorn Taking a new approach to the way you deal with partners or people who can influence your future will help you establish better working relationships.

Aquarius Pick up the pace and finish what you start. An opportunity to bring in extra cash is apparent, and money in the form of a prize could be heading your way.

Pisces An emotional situation will surface, leaving you in an awkward position. Do your best to take care of business quickly. Romance will improve your life. EUGENIA LAST

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